

WELCOME

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH – Muskegon, Michigan

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Welcome to this time of worship. We are especially grateful for those of you who are visitors. You make us more whole. First Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a church body committed to the welcome of the stranger and to the questions and doubts of all seekers.

Readings for This Weekend (January 4th, 2026)

First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm	147:12-20
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel Reading	John 1:10-18

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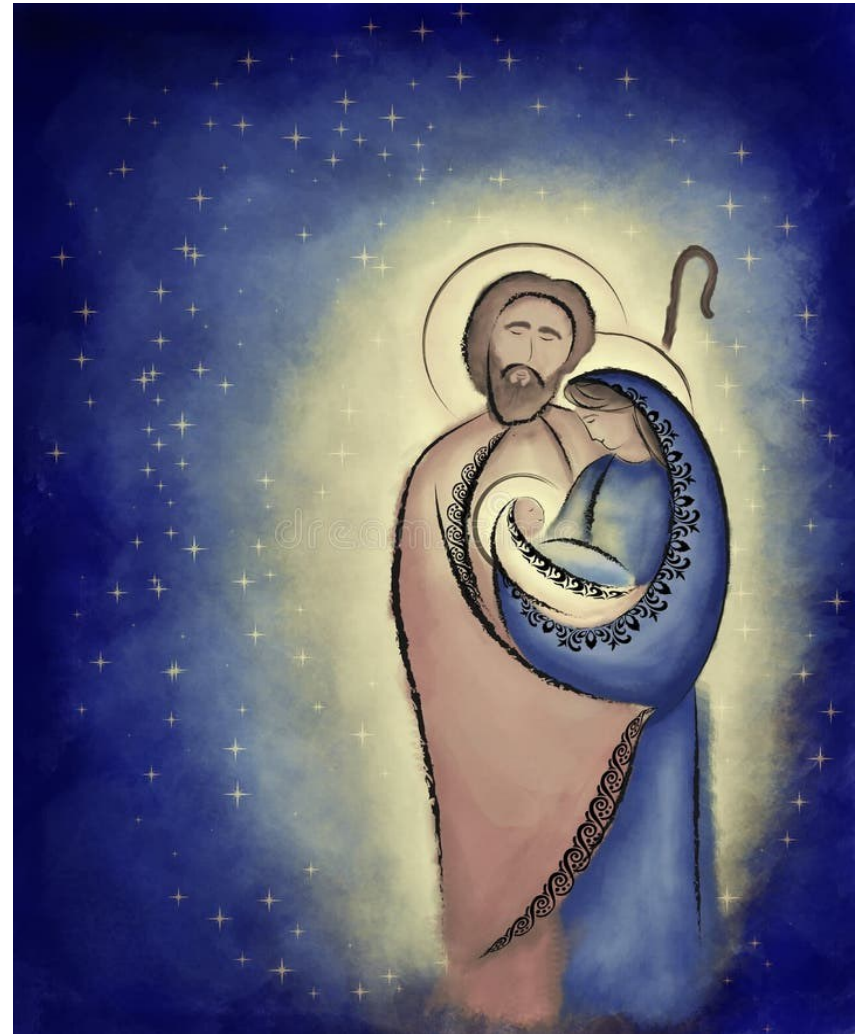
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Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, December 24th, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service

Pre-Service Music

"Silent Night"	Sofia Besteman
"Were You There on that Christmas Night?"	Emily Traub & Mary Schoonover
"Away in a Manger"	Emily & Elizabeth Lucht
"Joy to the World"	Grace & Ben Werling
"Go Tell it on the Mountain"	Liam Backus & Shar Bourdon
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"	Eva Backus & Joel Westerholm

Organ Prelude

Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #283 (red) (vv. 1-3)

Call to Worship (screen)

Lighting of the Advent and Christmas Candles (screen)

Hymn of Praise "Angels We Have Heard on High" #289 (red)
(vv. 1,2)

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Special Music "Carol of the Bells" Bell Choir

Children's Time/Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-21

Noisy Offering

This month's noisy offering will benefit True North's EmPower program.

Hymn "Jesus, What A Wonderful Child" #297 (red)

Parish Concerns

Prayers

Peace

Offering

The Poinsettias are given in honor of:

- ♦ Our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren by Steve and Rhonda Smith
- ♦ Jayson, Jeny, Jessica, Chase, Ryan, Taylor, Emma, Max, Avery, and Jayden by Jerry & Robbin Dibble
- ♦ Trisha and Nathan Dusseljee, and Evan, Tristan, and Lavena Dusseljee by Paula Dusseljee
- ♦ Len Horton by Dan and Jane Horton
- ♦ Mike Wickstrom, Jeff Hartman, and Diane Kaub by Deb and Dale Roest
- ♦ Annette Jack by John Jack
- ♦ The Shields family by Michael Shields

Please pick up your Poinsettias after the 11:00 p.m. service.



The Poinsettias are given in memory of:

- ♦ Our parents Chester and Bonnie Smith and Don and Donna Daunt by Steve and Rhonda Smith
- ♦ Donald and Jo Buchan by Theresa and Dave Buchan
- ♦ Milly and Bob Lindell by Dan and Jane Horton
- ♦ Bob and Bettie Schultz, Jerome and Frieda Dibble, Nikki Radle, and Carol Postmus by Jerry and Robbin Dibble
- ♦ Frank DiPiazza by Evie DiPiazza and family
- ♦ Bernie and Carol Harrell by David Harrell
- ♦ Garry D. Bradfield and Garry S. Bradfield by Marilyn Bradfield and the White family
- ♦ Ward and Virginia Crampton by Marilyn Bradfield and the White families
- ♦ Michael John Lundholm by Diane Sluis
- ♦ Mildred Mattson and Almeda O'Neill by Jerry and Suzanne Mattson
- ♦ Evelyn and Paul Swanson by Paula Dusseljee
- ♦ Karl Koski by Sylvia Koski
- ♦ Marty Shields by Michael Shields
- ♦ Ernie Webber by Joanne Webber
- ♦ Gordon Bonifield by Barb Bonifield and Laura Eller
- ♦ Our parents by Dave and Susan Aker
- ♦ Sharon Cooke by the Cooke family
- ♦ Mr. and Mrs Richard Kaub, Mr. Bernie Wickstrom, Mr. and Mrs. George Roest, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wickstrom by Dale and Deb Roest
- ♦ Our parents by Tim Israels and Sylvia Robbins

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Offering Music

At the conclusion of the offering the children will join Pastor Bill around the altar.

Communion Liturgy

Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
 San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi

heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.
 cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to, e - res Se - ñor.

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The Lord's Prayer

Communion

"All Are Welcome"	(screen)
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"	#282 (red)
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	#279 (red)
"Away in a Manger"	#277 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Closing Hymn "Silent Night" (words on next page)

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

“Silent Night”

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heav’nly hosts sing, al-leluia! Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the savior is born!

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light, radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of re-deeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

THOSE WHO SERVE 12/24 (p.m. Services)

Assisting Minister (6:00 and 11:00 p.m.)	Paula Dusseljee
Lector 6:00 p.m.	N/A
11:00 p.m.	Deb Wosinski
Servers 6:00 p.m.	Laura and Elizabeth Lucht
11:00 p.m.	Ed and Deb Wosinski
Acolytes 6:00 p.m.	Matthew and Sofia Besteman
11:00 p.m.	Peyton Mock
Ushers 6:00 p.m.	Kathryn Hall, Ethan Lucht, Jeff Lucht
11:00 p.m.	Stan Daszko, Ed Wosinski, Mark Thogerson
Song Leaders 6:00 p.m.	Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub
11:00 p.m.	Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Sound System 6:00 p.m.	Karl Ziemelis
11:00 p.m.	Karl Ziemelis
Communion Bread 6:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
Communion Set-Up 6:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
Clean-Up 6:00 p.m.	Bert Goodman
11:00 p.m.	Deb Wosinski

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

We will **not be having Wednesday night dinners** until February 18, 2026.

Sign up to **host coffee hour** in 2026. The sign-up sheet is on the information station by the office.

No faith formation classes on December 28. We will reconvene on January 4.

The **2026 sign-up sheets for sponsoring altar flowers** and the **eternal candle** are posted on the bulletin board near the office. Sign up for the weekend you would like. If you sign up for altar flowers, the cost is on the sheet. You will not get billed for these. You can pay for your flowers in our office.

Our **leadership retreat** will take place on January 24th beginning at 9:00 a.m. All council members and all members of our ministries are urged to be present. Our time together will end with lunch.

Our **chili cook-off** and **annual meeting** will take place on Sunday, February 1 following worship. Sign-up sheets for bringing soup or chili are on either information station.

There will be no Thursday night worship on Thursday, December 25th, or Thursday January 1st.

There will be **no Thursday Bible** study this week, (December 26). Thursday (noon) studies will start up again on January 8.

Please **join us for a trivia night** on January 22 at 7:15 p.m. following Thursday worship. This is part of a synod-wide wellness event.

A **sledding event** for middle school and high youth has been planned for Saturday, January 17 beginning at 1:00 Plan to join us!